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<http://www.tucsonrwa.org/writersprogress.html>

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RWA-Tucson/messages>

RWA National's Listings:

www.rwanational.org/cs/chapter_conferences_and_events

Other AZ Writing Groups:

www.tucsonrwa.org/groups.html

Membership Directory – Yahoo Loop:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RWA-Tucson/files/>

This month's meeting: June 27, 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Laurie Schnebly Campbell

Character Development

Stepping Up (and Down) the Personality Ladder

Every romantic hero needs to move through five steps, comparable to climbing a ladder with a few detours here and there, along his journey from Mr. NOT YET Right to Mr. VERY Right. Multi published author and therapist Laurie Schnebly Campbell will offer guidance through these ladders to help writers create richer heroes with clear development arcs. As a bonus, this workshop is not just for the hero: the heroine has her own ladder to climb in parallel stages to the hero's ...until the end, when they reach the ultimate triumph together. There's even a ladder for the villain, although in most books he never makes it to the top.

Laurie will share more of her expertise in a shorter morning talk about turning rejection into gold. Whether it's the first slump or the fiftieth, for a beginner or a New York Times best-seller, rejection is part of every author's life. This workshop offers both practical and psychological techniques for dealing with the "No, Nope, and No Way" messages that writers face regularly. Discover what works for you when it's time to deal with rejection and how planning your response to ANY setback leaves you more in control of not only your writing life but also your personal life.

With six published romance novels AND a Master's in Counseling, Laurie draws on her background as a therapist and a novelist who's lived through everything from Second Book Syndrome to winning Romantic Times' "Best 200 Books of All Time" award. She's published six Silhouette Special Editions, including one that beat out Nora Roberts for "Best of the Year," as well as a how-to for writers on character development. Laurie is known for workshops that leave participants feeling like they've really rolled up their sleeves and LEARNED something. In addition to six national RWA programs, Laurie has spoken on marketing and writing-related topics for chapters in Arizona, California, Colorado, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, Texas and Washington state; presented workshops for students from all over the world (including a keynote for the UK's national Romantic Novelists Association conference); and been featured as a speaker for eight regional conferences over the past five years.



For more information go to <http://www.tucsonrwa.org/speakersjun09.html>. Find out more about Laurie and her workshops, go to <http://www.booklaurie.com/>.

A Little Table Talk...

During lunch at the June meeting, our published authors will be sharing their expertise via individual table talks. Pick a subject, pick an author and pick their brains! Topics:

Help I'm Stuck – Now What?

~ Roz Denny Fox

Writing for Harlequin's Overseas Market--Where You'll Sell?

~ Alison Hentges aka *Georgina Devon*

Spider Spin Me a Web – Casting Your Story Threads and Spinning Ideas

~ Anita Gordon aka *Kathleen Kirkwood*

Doing It All Takes Discipline – How to Write and Still Have a Life?

~ Cindy Somerville aka *Sherrill Quinn*

Plotting the Story Within The Erotic Romance

~ Jill Knowles

Finding Your Own Voice As a Writer

~ Patti Knoll aka *Patricia Knoll* and *Patricia Forsythe*

Staying Motivated No Matter What & Pros and Cons of Writing in a Two-writer Household

~ Elaine Charton & Michael Charton

Meetings & Registration

Meetings are the fourth Saturday each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Parador Tropical Restaurant (2744 E Broadway Blvd., Tucson). Price is \$20 for members or \$25 for visitors, and includes lunch! Reservations are due by **10 p.m.** the Wednesday **before** the meeting to **Crystal Marshall** via phone 520.850.7905 or email membership@TucsonRWA.org. Reserve your seat!


You can pay via [PayPal](#) on the Web site, or pay at the meeting with **cash or check only** (to RWA-Tucson). **No credit cards** accepted at the meetings.



Saguaro Romance Writers is 4 years old this month!

Come celebrate with us at the June meeting. Birthday Cake will be served, along with a few other surprises our Board has prepared. See you there!

FOOD DONATIONS!

Don't forget to bring to the meeting your non perishable food donations for the Tucson Food Bank! Thank you for helping out!! 

Going to National Conference? Where to find us...

You'll find your fellow Saguaro Romance Writers at:

- **Literacy Signing** – Held from 5:30-7:30 on Wednesday (along with the various publisher signings).
- **Love Your Voice workshop** – Given by Laurie Schnebly Campbell from 3:15-4:15 on Friday.
- **Awards ceremony** – Held from 8-10 on Saturday.
- **Official Luncheons** – Follow the crowd into the ballroom and head straight toward the back wall. When you're near the center of the back wall, turn right and keep going ...you'll see some of your local friends!

New Member News

Please make our new member feel welcome at the next meeting. **Jane Rodda** has joined the Saguaro Romance Writers. Welcome, Jane!

A Note From Our President: Kindness, like grain, increases by sowing

If one word could define the essence of our chapter, I believe it would be generosity. Members and visitors constantly tell me how grateful they are for the kindness, openness and a willingness to share that characterize Saguaro Romance Writers.

Just last month, a member mentioned how even casual conversations at lunch about the joys and frustrations of writing encourage and enlighten her. I hear repeatedly how amazing our members are, to step up and help out whenever there's a need. We're especially blessed to have published writers who not only attend our meetings but also actively participate in chapter activities. And let's not forget the donations – to our raffles, the Community Food Bank and even our waiter!

We share in our group the common bond of writing, which drives us to keep trying to do what we really want to do: finish a book, submit, get published ...and then do the same thing all over again. Someone once advised me that writing is the hardest way to earn a living, with possible exception of

wrestling alligators. But no matter what else I've tried, I've always come back to writing. It's who I am. It is, therefore, what I do.

I love writing. I also love the definition of love as a verb. Love of writing not only keeps me inspired but also makes me willing to help others. I've found that writing day after day in solitude can lead me to go mountain climbing over molehills. Numerous studies have shown that doing something with other people, especially for them, is a powerful stimulus for longevity and health. I think it's also a foundation of happiness.

So I just want to say thank you, everyone, for your willingness to give, materially and otherwise, to our chapter members and to our wider community. Your generosity is an umbrella on a wet day – a happy thing. As Saguaro Romance Writers has grown in numbers, we've also spread a wide net of kindness. We'll be celebrating all of this at our fourth "birthday" celebration this month. *Salud*, everyone!

Marilyn Johnson